

headquarters in Cleveland, OH, as well as in northern Minnesota, where the company also mines iron ore.

Mr. Speaker, Cleveland-Cliffs has an economic, historical and cultural presence deep in the geography and the people of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and in the economy of the United States. We wish the company and its employees years of success and the blessings of innovation that will keep it viable well into a new millennium.

CONGRATULATING MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR MARK MONTIGNY

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Massachusetts State Senator Mark Montigny as a 1997 recipient of the Dr. Nathan Davis Award in the category of Outstanding State Senator. The Davis awards, presented to local State, and Federal career and elected government officials, were established by the American Medical Association in 1989 and are truly one of the most prestigious forms of recognition for outstanding public service in the advancement of public health.

The Massachusetts Senate president, Thomas Birmingham, and the Massachusetts Medical Society, nominated Senator Montigny for this award because of his effort as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care to protect the physician-patient relationship and to improve the health of our citizenry, particularly the working poor and their children.

Senator Montigny's innovative legislative initiatives include a new Massachusetts State law that provides health insurance to most of the Commonwealth's uninsured children and a pilot prescription drug subsidy program for indigent seniors. He has also authored a bill to limit the use of pre-existing condition clauses and waiting periods in health coverage—virtually guaranteeing the right to obtain health insurance coverage. He has also championed a Physician Profiling bill that supports both consumer empowerment and the need for accuracy and fairness to physicians. In addition, Senator Montigny is working on legislation that would refinance Massachusetts' Uncompensated Care Pool, regulate the managed care industry, and preserve traditional values for community health care institutions in the State.

Mr. Speaker, I have mentioned only a very short portion of a very long list of accomplishments that Senator Mark Montigny has contributed to the public health needs of Massachusetts residents. I am honored to congratulate him today for an award he undoubtedly has earned and deserves.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE-CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Life-Choices Pregnancy Center,

which has served the women of Joplin, MO since its inception in 1990. To date, over 4,000 women have received services from the center in the form of pregnancy testing, counseling for those considering an abortion, and support for those who have already had an abortion. The center also manages two programs that make a difference in the lives of many Joplin residents: Mom Care, is designed to help mothers deal with their parenting responsibilities, and the Virtuous Reality program provides valuable information to teens and parents about making responsible and healthy choices in their lives. As evidence of the good work of the Life-Choices Pregnancy Center, at least 160 babies who would have been aborted are alive and well today because of their counseling and support.

On October 7, the center will dedicate its new facility which will enable it to serve more women in a number of new ways. The center will immediately begin to offer ultrasound imaging, physical exams, and other forms of prenatal care for at-risk women. In the near future, they also plan to add testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, pre and post adoption counseling, abstinence education, and a 24 hour telephone help line to better serve the women of southwest Missouri.

Life constantly presents us with choices, and there are consequences to the choices that we make. A woman faced with an unplanned pregnancy has few options, and often feels that she has no where to turn. I am grateful that the women of Joplin can turn to the Life-Choices Pregnancy Center because there they can find a friend who has the patience to listen and the experience to understand and give advice that many would not be able to give. And, whatever her decision might be, I know that the center will provide her with the love, support, and counseling that she will need to make it through such a difficult time.

In closing, I remember the words of Mother Theresa. Speaking at a National Prayer Breakfast in 1994, she asked "How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even his life to love us." I thank everyone who made the choice to give of their time and love for the benefit of others at the Life-Choices Pregnancy Center.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH PHILADELPHIA REVIEW ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my neighborhood newspaper, the South Philadelphia Review, which this year celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The South Philly Review is one of the best-written, best-edited community newspapers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Over the years, the Review has reported on many of my achievements here in Congress. But more importantly, the Review has been the eyes and ears of the unique community of South Philadelphia. Reporting on births and deaths,

food and drink, high culture and low, the Review is South Philadelphia.

In keeping with its commitment to the people of South Philadelphia, the Review has sponsored many initiatives to improve our community. In the 1980's, they started an annual food drive that helps to feed thousands of hungry citizens every year; founded a Youth Appreciation Award to promote the positive achievements of South Philadelphia students, backing it up with the reward of a U.S. Savings bond; and created a Lifestyles Section to feature local artists, writers, and entertainers who have made an impact on their community. In 1992, they created an Opinion/Editorial page to give residents a forum to voice and exchange opinions on important issues, and in 1995 they started a free concert series that runs throughout the month of June in Marconi Plaza.

In recognition of the quality of the publication, the Philadelphia Press Association awarded it the title of Best Weekly Newspaper in the Delaware Valley for 1996. In 1997, the Review repeated as the recipient of this award.

Mr. Speaker, in light of its contributions to local journalism and to the community of South Philadelphia, I hope my colleagues will join me today in congratulating the South Philadelphia Review for its first 50 years, and wish it the best of luck in its next 50.

WELFARE-TO-WORK PROVISIONS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to my colleagues' attention the Clinton administration's proposed welfare-to-work provisions. The House is currently considering H.R. 2400, the BESTEA legislation, which includes a welfare-to-work component. However, I believe that in order for our welfare reform package—which I supported—to succeed, we must have strong provisions to transition welfare recipients into the workplace.

The BESTEA legislation includes \$42 million with a cap of 10 projects nationwide. I commend Chairman SHUSTER and our ranking member, Congressman OBERSTAR, for recognizing the need for this program. However, I believe we should approve the Clinton administration's proposal for transit welfare-to-work, which calls for \$100 million. By the year 2002, States must have moved half of all adult welfare recipients—over 2 million people—off of welfare and into the workforce. This pilot program approach is now written in BESTEA will not be adequate to meet the needs of welfare reform.

The Metro East has over 10,000 welfare clients without earned income who need education and training to find meaningful employment, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services. Regional studies have shown that with training, we can reduce our welfare rolls and put people back into the workplace, and transportation plays a key role in making that happen.

I support the administration's welfare-to-work provisions and intend to work next spring to increase the amount for this program in the BESTEA legislation. I urge my colleagues to